Standard Precaution Policy

PURPOSE: The purpose of the Standard Precaution Policy is to detail how students are educated about the Center for Disease Control (CDC) Recommended Standard Precautions and to describe these Standard Precautions. Students must be aware of the current recommendations from the CDC and adhere to these guidelines to assist in the prevention of accidental transmission of communicable diseases.

REVIEW: All policies in the Graduate Program Manual shall be reviewed by the Graduate Program Associate Dean/Department Chairs by December 1 of even numbered years in collaboration with the Graduate Program Council. Final approval of the Graduate Program Manual is by the Dean.

POLICY/PROCEDURE

1.0 Policy

Information on the Center for Disease Control (CDC) Recommended Standard Precautions is disseminated to the students during their orientation to the School of Nursing. Each student is required to acknowledge receipt of this information during new student orientation.

2.0 Procedure

1. The programmatic offices are responsible for the dissemination of updated information concerning the CDC’s Recommended Standard Precautions and a review of the School of Nursing’s policies dealing with communicable diseases.

2. The School of Nursing adheres to the most current Standard Precautions as designated by the Centers for Disease control found at the following link: https://www.cdc.gov/hai/settings/outpatient/outpatient-care-guidelines.html

3. During new student orientation, time is allowed for presentation and discussion of the CDC’s Recommended Standard Precautions.

4. During orientation, students sign an acknowledgement that they are responsible to adhere to the guidelines issued by the Centers for Disease Control while providing nursing care in the clinical setting. This acknowledgement is maintained by the Student Affairs Office in the student’s file.